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"DARK ONES"

I WONDER HOW LONG AGO IT WAS...

THEY WERE BORN FROM DARKNESS, LOVED DARKNESS AND CAME FROM DARKNESS.
INCIDENTS OF ATTACKS FROM DARK ONES.
INCREASE EVERY YEAR.

ANTI-DARK ONE WALLS BUILT AROUND TOWNS
WERE HARDLY EFFECTIVE.
BECAUSE OF THE DARK ONES WHO SEEMED TO APPEAR EVERY NIGHT
PEOPLE COULD NOT SLEEP EASILY DURING THE NIGHT.

CAME PEOPLE WHO WOULD PROTECT OTHERS
FROM THE MYSTERIOUS CREATURES THAT MADE MAN THEIR ENEMY

THE MERCENARIES

FROM THE LOWEST E TO D, C,B,A,S AND THEN THE HIGHEST LEVEL S.S..
UNDER A GUILD THEY WERE RANKED UPON SKILL AND CONTRIBU-TIONS

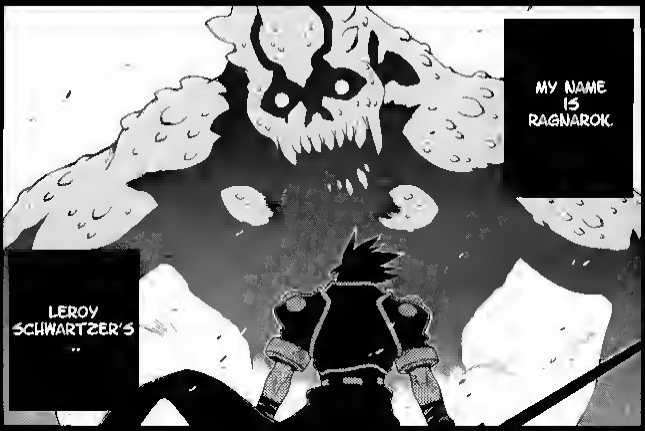
WHEN MOVING FROM TOWN TO TOWN IT BECAME A COMMON PRACTICE TO HIRE SKILLFUL MERCENARIES.

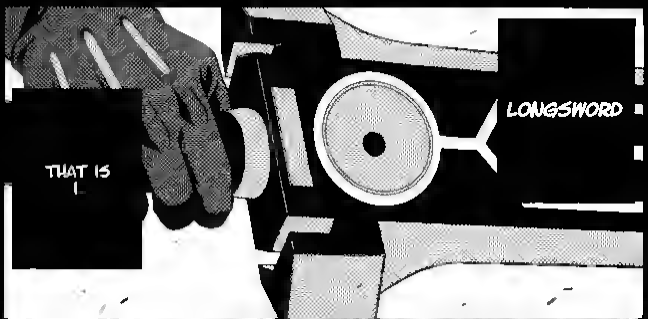
BECAUSE OF THEIR EFFORTS

PEOPLE COULD PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE DARK ONES

HERE IS ANOTHER PERSON FIGHTING AGAINST THE DARK ONES
HE IS NOT PART OF THE MERCENARY GUILD BUT POSESSES THE SKILL OF AN S CLASS MERCENARY
HE HAS TWO NAMES, ONE BEING LEROY THE LIGHTNING SPEED
FROM HIS BLACK HAIR AND BLACK EYES, HIS BLACK LEATHER JACKET HE ALWAYS WEARS .
COMES HIS OTHER NAME BLACK LIGHTNING

I FORGOT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.





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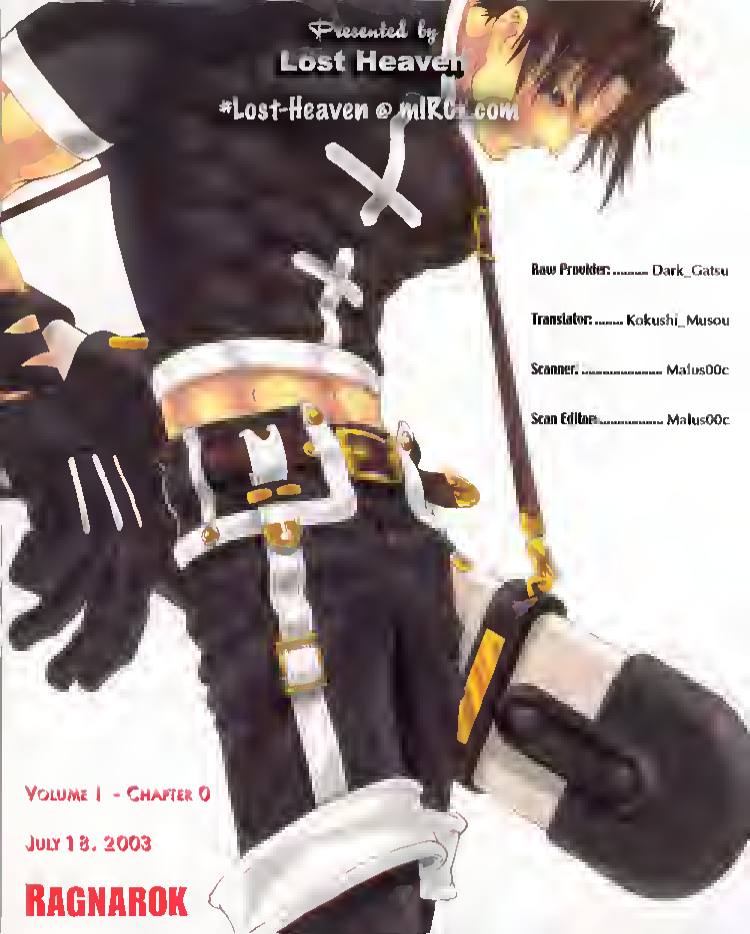

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SO FAST. 7TH ONE ALREADY
BOOOOOM
WON'T BE TOO LONG FOR THAT ONE TOO

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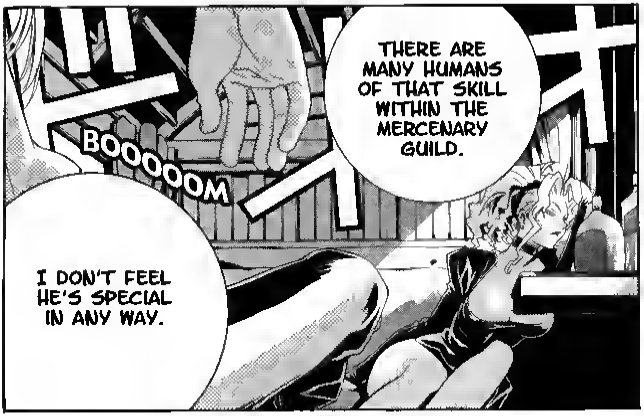
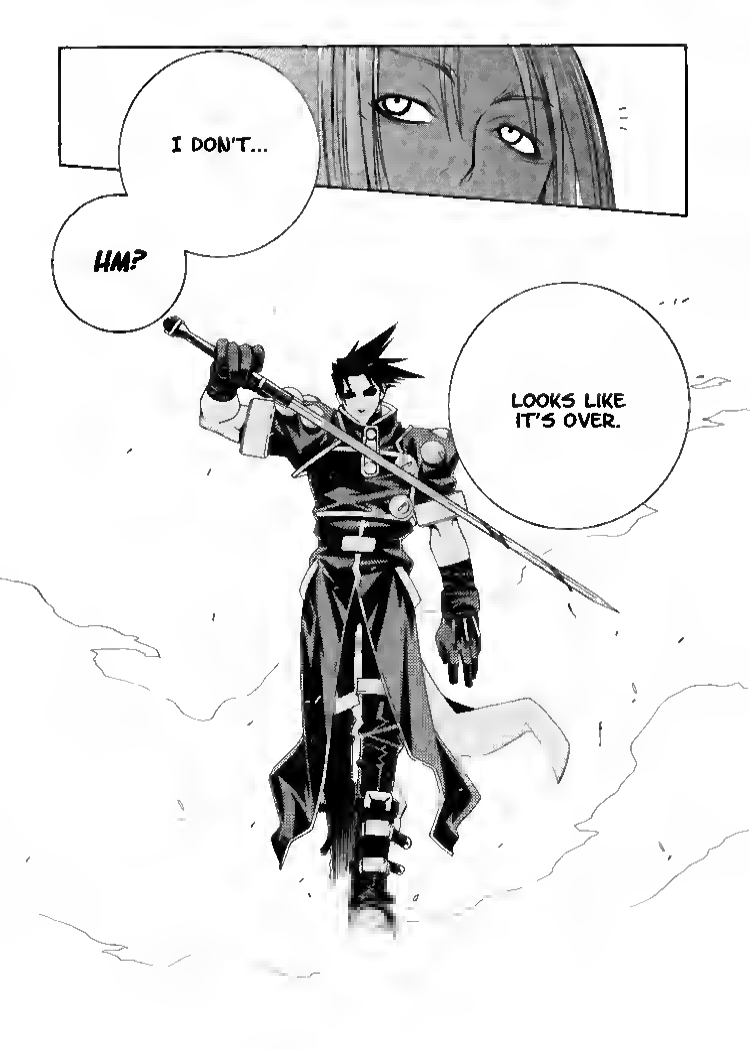
SO?
HOW ABOUT IT? YURIPULSE
GA
BOOOOOM
HE'S STRONG
BUT THAT'S IT


THERE ARE MANY HUMANS OF THAT SKILL WITHIN THE MERCENARY GUILD.
BOOOOOM
I DON'T FEEL HE'S SPECIAL IN ANY WAY.

BUT "THAT PERSON"...
IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT MAN. ♡

WHY WOULD A MAN OF THAT POWER...
BE SO CAUGHT UP WITH A MAN OF SUCH INFERIOR STRENGTH.
BOOOM
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT.


I DON'T...
HM?
LOOKS LIKE IT'S OVER.

BOOOOOOOM

IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT. CHASING AFTER THE SMELL OF WOMEN GOT YOU INTO THIS MESS.

MY NOSE IS USUALLY RIGHT.
SHUT UP!!

LOOKS LIKE THE PLANS ARE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT THOUGH.
?!

WHY DID I HAVE TO WASTE MY ENERGY FOR THAT?

THANKS FOR PROTECTING US FROM DANGER.
I DON'T KNOW HOW WE COULD EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE...
DAMN IT... SHE HAS A MAN.
NO, NOT THAT...
MY NAME IS YURIPULSE AND THIS IS ASHLEY.
WE WORK AT A STORE CALLED THE "SCARLET LADY" JUST IN THE TOWN AHEAD.
SCARLET LADY?
LIKE MANY OF THE WHORE HOUSES AROUND THIS AREA

STARING
?
HEY DON'T EMBARASS YOURSELF.
STARING

WHORE HOUSE!?

GLANCE
ANYWAYS...

YOU MUST BE REALLY SKILLED.
TAKING ON THIS MANY DARK ONES BY YOURSELF...

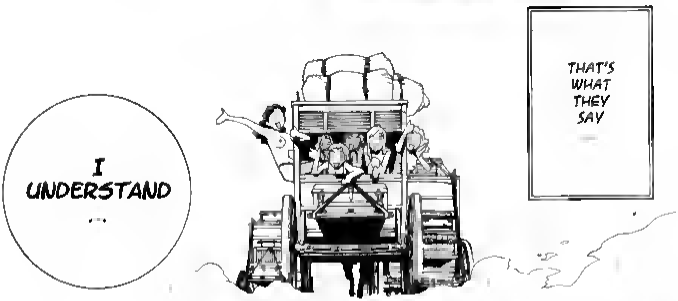
WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME YOUR NAME?
IF YOU COULD..
TO TELL YOU MY NAME
I DIDN'T DO ENOUGH...
AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU MUST BE AN A CLASS MERCENARY.
YOUR NAME MUST BE FAMOUS!
DON'T BE SO MODEST...

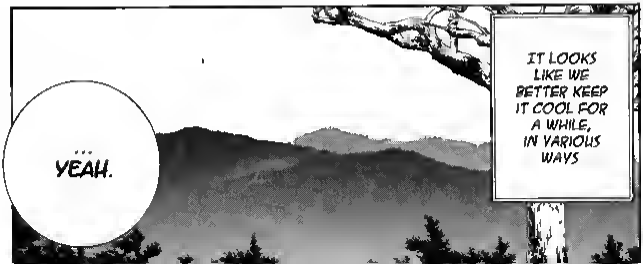
!?
THUD
OWWW~!!
I JUST MADE ANOTHER BRUISE ON MY BUTT..!!
HUH?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
IF YOU HADN'T COME THEN WE WOULD ALL BE DEAD BY NOW!!
HEY! IT'S THAT GUY WHO BEAT UP THAT BIG THING!!
WHAT!?
THAT GIRL IS OUR TOP SELLING GIRL RIGHT NOW.
WORK FOR YOU!?
YOU'RE LETTING A LITTLE GIRL LIKE THIS
REALLY!?
IT SEEMS LIKE THE MERCENARY SEEMS TO LIKE YOU.
HUH?
?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?

PLEASE COME TO THE STORE SO I CAN GIVE YOU MY THANKS!! ♡
I'LL GIVE YOU A LOT OF EXTRAS TOO!
NO... I'M SORRY.
I HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE AFTER THIS...
EXTRAS
THEN YOU CAN COME AFTER THAT.
YOU HAVE TO COME! ♡
WE ALL WISH YOU TO COME TOO
LILLY ISN'T THE ONLY ONE
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW LATE YOU COME AS LONG AS YOU DO
WE'LL MAKE YOU SOME GREAT FOOD AS WELL

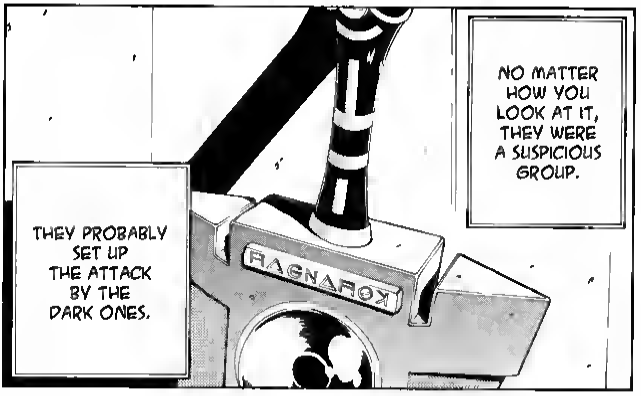
THEN WE WILL SEE YOU LATER...
MR. LEROY SCHWARTZER.
BATAN
!!


THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY
I UNDERSTAND ...


IT LOOKS LIKE WE BETTER KEEP IT COOL FOR A WHILE, IN VARIOUS WAYS
... YEAH.

The
Southern
Continental
Trade Town
Alpass

WHY DID YOU HELP THAT GROUP?


NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THEY WERE A SUSPICIOUS GROUP.
THEY PROBABLY SET UP THE ATTACK BY THE DARK ONES.
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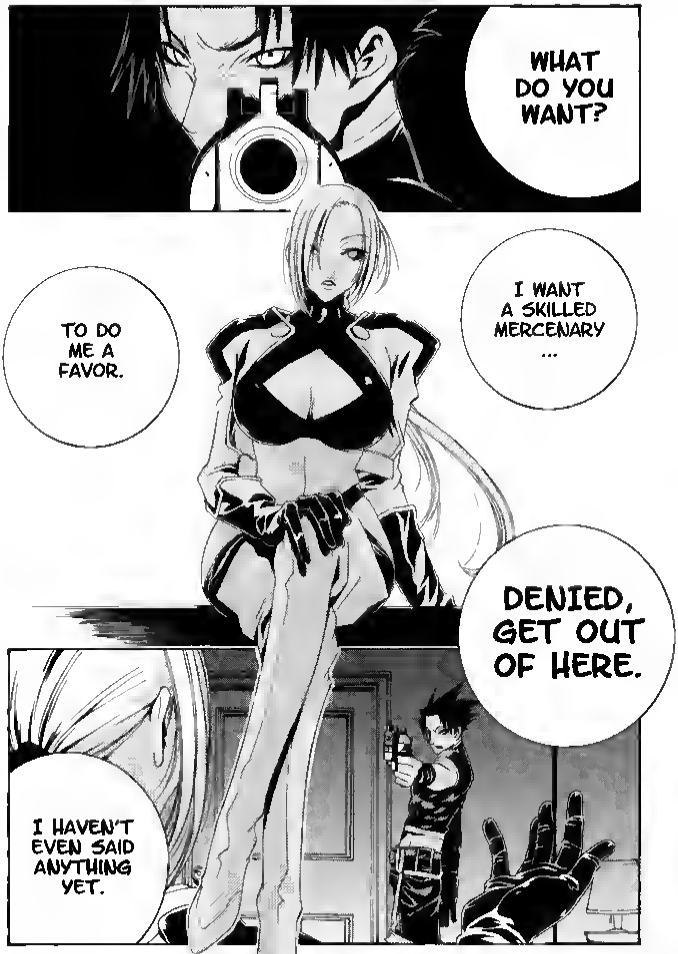
PROBABLY...
JUST TO SEE YOUR SKILL...
AT THE VERY LEAST, OTHER THAN THE OWNER AND THE ONE GIRL, THE SCREAMS WERE REAL
YOU KNEW ABOUT IT AND STILL HELPED THEM?
THE HORSE AND BUGGY DIDN'T EVEN RECEIVE A SCRATCH.
IT WAS VERY STRANGE THAT EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE SO MANY DARK ONES...
THAT IS TRUE.

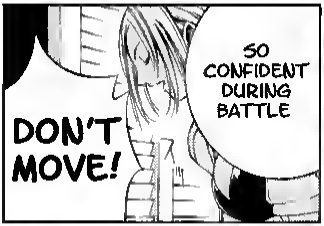
I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING IF THEY WANT SOMETHING THEY CAN.
IF
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
HEY!
IT LOOKS LIKE IT.

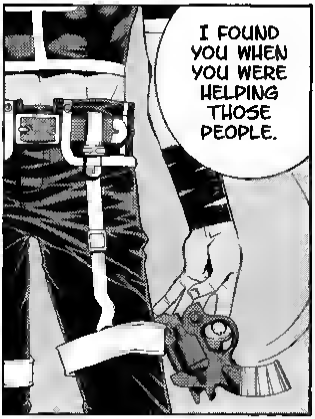
!!
GA!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR SKILLS AS A FORMER S CLASS MERCENARY HAVEN'T BEEN LOST.


WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I WANT A SKILLED MERCENARY ...
TO DO ME A FAVOR.
DENIED, GET OUT OF HERE.
I HAVEN'T EVEN SAID ANYTHING YET.

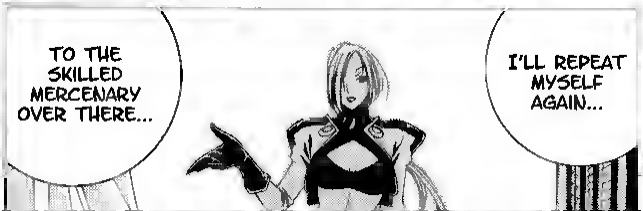
JUDGING FROM YOUR LACK OF SURPRISE,

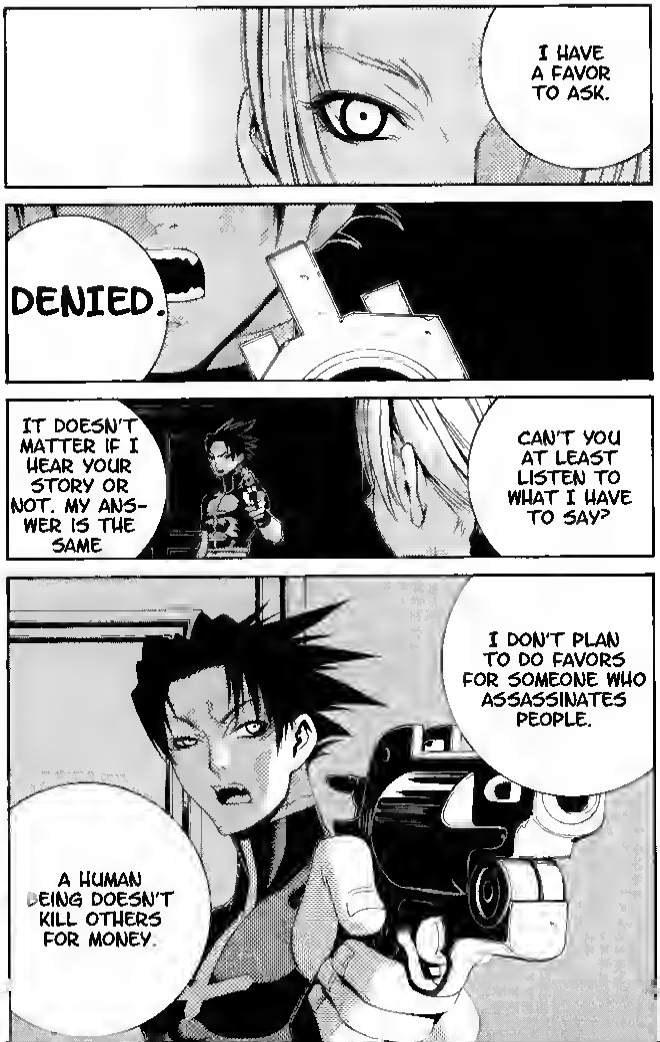
I GUESS YOU KNEW I WAS FOLLOWING YOU.


DON'T MOVE!
SO CONFIDENT DURING BATTLE

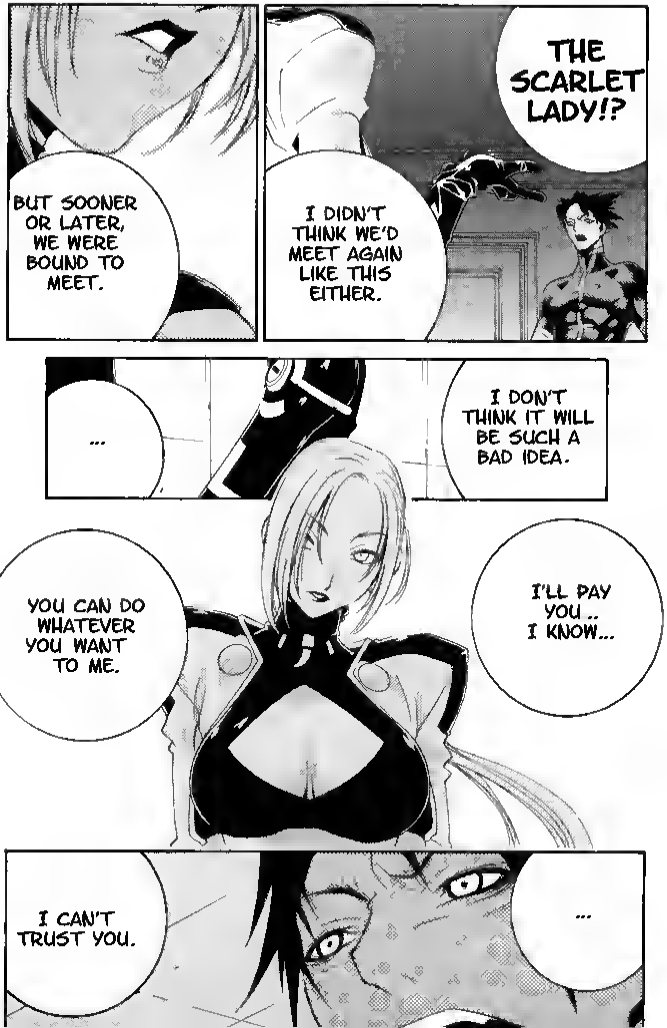

I FOUND YOU WHEN YOU WERE HELPING THOSE PEOPLE.

FINE...


TO THE SKILLED MERCENARY OVER THERE...
I'LL REPEAT MYSELF AGAIN...


I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
DENIED.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I HEAR YOUR STORY OR NOT. MY ANSWER IS THE SAME
CAN'T YOU AT LEAST LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY?
I DON'T PLAN TO DO FAVORS FOR SOMEONE WHO ASSASSINATES PEOPLE.
A HUMAN BEING DOESN'T KILL OTHERS FOR MONEY.

OH? THAT'S A FIRST.
EVEN TO A PERSON LIKE ME THERE IS SOMETHING MORE VALUABLE THAN MY OWN LIFE...
I HAVE A LITTLE SISTER.
THE ONLY BLOOD-RELATED PERSON THAT STILL EXISTS. SHE WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE ASSASSIN GUILD.
THE ASSASSIN GUILD "CRIMSON DESPAIR" WHICH IS BIG IN THIS AREA
WHEN I FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO THEM,
MY SISTER WAS ALREADY SOLD TO A WHORE HOUSE...
!?


BUT SOONER OR LATER, WE WERE BOUND TO MEET.
I DIDN'T THINK WE'D MEET AGAIN LIKE THIS EITHER.
THE SCARLET LADY!?
...
I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE SUCH A BAD IDEA.
YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO ME.
I'LL PAY YOU.. I KNOW...
I CAN'T TRUST YOU.
...

I'LL WAIT FOR YOUR REPLY
I'M STAYING AT THE "WHITEHORSE MANE STOP"
I DON'T PLAN ON CHANGING MY MIND.
I'LL BE WAITING.

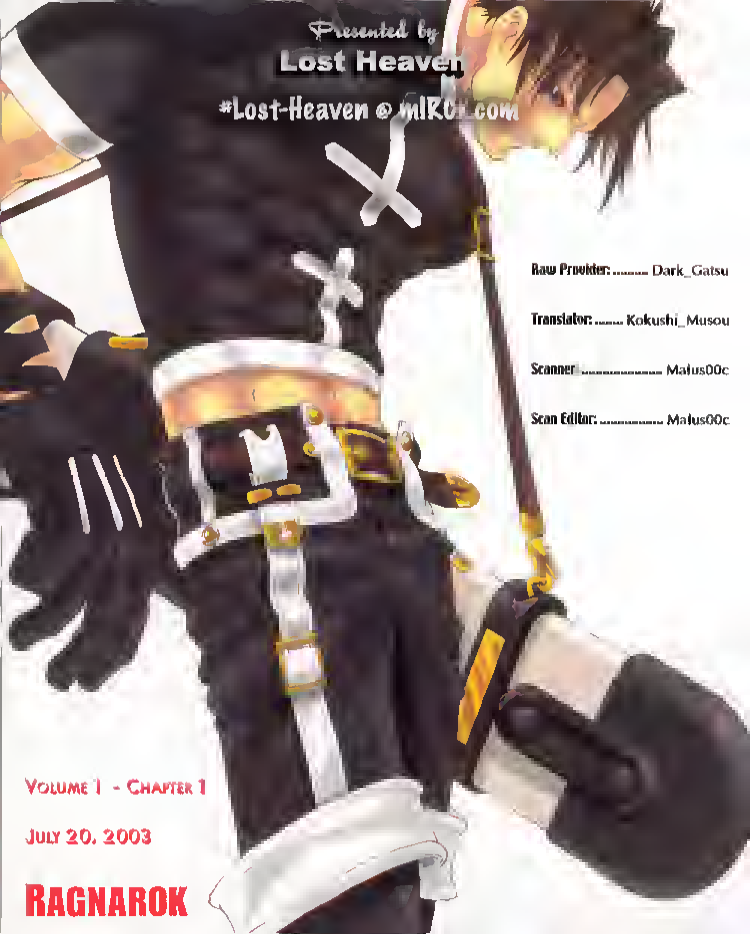
...
I DON'T THINK IT WAS NECESSARY TO DENY HER RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING

OH, SO YOU DO SAY SOME REALLY GOOD THINGS ONCE IN A WHILE.
I SHOULD NOT HOLD MY GRUDGE AGAINST THE LITTLE SISTER OF HER'S.

I'M NOT REALLY FEELING GOOD ABOUT THIS...
BA
BUT I GUESS I CAN JUST GO CHECK THINGS OUT

THEY DID SAY THAT THEY'D MAKE ME SOME FOOD, RIGHT?
WERE YOU ACTUALLY EXPECTING IT?

I SEE, I SEE.
GOOD WORK, YURIPULSE AND ASHLEY.
I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU, LEROY SCHWARTZER.
I'VE WAITED FOR YOU TO COME FOR A LONG TIME.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Chapter 2 Whore House

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KA
!?
JUST BEFORE I MET YOU
WHEN A PARTICULAR EVENT HAPPENED TO ME, I MADE A VOW TO MYSELF
WELL IT'S NOTHING GREAT
TO SIMPLY .
TO SIMPLY KILL A PERSON WITH MY OWN HANDS
I MADE A VOW TO ABSOLUTELY KILL THAT PERSON WITH MY OWN HANDS.

THAT WAS THE PLAN
BUT..
OR SO I HAD THOUGHT
WHEN I WOULD MEET THAT PERSON AGAIN, IT WOULD BE THEIR TIME TO DIE.
AND I EVEN FORGOT WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO
WHEN I SAW HER FACE I DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER TO SHOOT
BUT I ..
AND NOW I'M GOING TO HELP THIS PERSON'S LITTLE SISTER
I KNOW IT SOUNDS FUNNY
I DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO REMEMBER

WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAY...
THE VOW THAT I MADE WASN'T STRONG AT ALL
IT WOULD BE FLUSHED AWAY BY THE TIDES OF TIME
WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT IT LIKE THAT
I CAN'T EVEN GET ANGRY AT MYSELF
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR A STORY LIKE THAT FROM YOU.
SO MEETING THAT WOMAN CAUSED MORE DAMAGE THAN FIGHTING OFF THOSE DARK ONES

REMEMBER THE PEOPLE WE'RE ABOUT TO MEET.
BUT FORGET ABOUT THAT NOW.
DO YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND?
I KNOW.
YEAH.

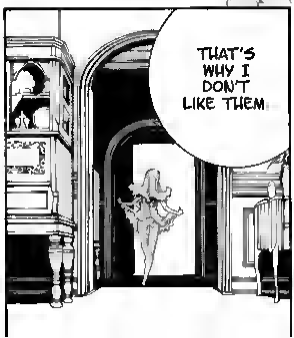
WELL, WELL ...
THE INSIDE IS SO LUXURIOUS, YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL FROM THE OUTSIDE...

MR. LEROY!
I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME!!
TA TA TA
AAA!
HEY HEY
LET'S DO IT!
LET'S GO!
LET'S GO!
THIS ISN'T GOOD
WELL, HURRY UP AND DO SOMETHING!
UH NO.
I DON'T LIKE KIDS
SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO TALK TO THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE

ARE YOU ASKING FOR MAMA?
BU~
EHH?
CAN I CALL HER?

I GUESS I DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MAMA
WELL.
IS IT OKAY?

BUT NEXT TIME PLEASE ASK FOR ME!
I UNDERSTAND !!


THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE THEM

SHE'S A GOOD KID

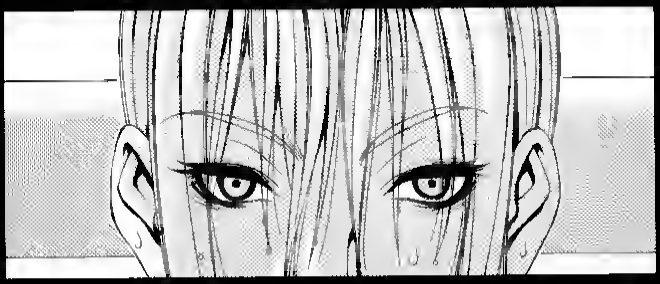
I'M GLAD YOU CAME MR. LEROY!
I THOUGHT THE DINNER WE PREPARED WAS GOING TO GO TO WASTE.
I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK YOU.
WELL, UNTIL DINNER IS READY...
LET'S GO REST IN MY ROOM.

I'M HERE TO TAKE BACK,
THE GIRL YOU KIDNAPPED
I'LL BE DIRECT WITH YOU
I'M SORRY
I HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT YOU KNEW HER TOO?
YOU KNOW LENA NORTHLIGHT, DON'T YOU?
BUT I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE THAT DECISION
!!

JUST SHOW ME WHERE THEY ARE
I HAVE THE POWER
ONE OR TWO ASSASSIN GUILDS...
ON FIGHTING "CRIMSON DESPAIR" ALL BY YOURSELF?
DO YOU PLAN
コト
YOU ARE AN INTERESTING MAN I LIKE THAT
IS NOTHING.
.....

I FORGET WHERE SHE IS LOCATED
BUT...
NUGI
MAYBE IF YOU MOVE MY BODY I WOULD REMEMBER
...
HOW ABOUT THAT?
UHD
.....
LET'S GET YOU TO REMEMBER
I KNEW YOU WOULD.
.....
KATA

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D GET TO MEET HIM FOR YOURSELF, LENA.



SO YOU DECIDED TO PART SEPERATE WAYS FROM LEROY
BUT WHY !?
I DON'T KNOW.

EVEN I DON'T KNOW.
YEAH... YOU'RE PROBABLY GIVING AN HONEST ANSWER
BUT...
THAT'S HONESTLY THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR YOU RIGHT NOW.
BUT AFTER FIVE YEARS

THIS WAS PROBABLY A SUDDEN REUNION,
FOR THE BOTH OF YOU
ZOOM OUT

FUU
……

STUPID MAN
HE COMPLETELY LET HIS GUARD DOWN BEING TOO INTO ME
IT'S OK, HE'S JUST SLEEPING FROM THE DRUGS
GOOD JOB, ASHLEY YOU DIDN'T KILL HIM, DID YOU?

I DIDN'T KNOW "THAT PERSON" WAS INTO THAT...
THAT'S NOTHING TO JOKE ABOUT...
BUT WHY CAN'T WE KILL HIM?
I DON'T KNOW
OUR BOSS IS VERY INTERESTED IN THAT BODY
ANYWAYS WE HAVE TO GET THIS GUY !?
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, ASHLEY?
WHAT!?

TELL YOUR BOSS ..
THAT I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN THAT
HEY, HEY ...
NO WAY!! I PUT ENOUGH DRUGS TO OVERDOSE YOU!
I THINK IT'S BEING AFFECTED QUITE GOOD RIGHT NOW.
MY BODY IS SPECIAL AND ISN'T AFFECTED BY DRUGS
TOO BAD NYA ..
YORO
YORO...

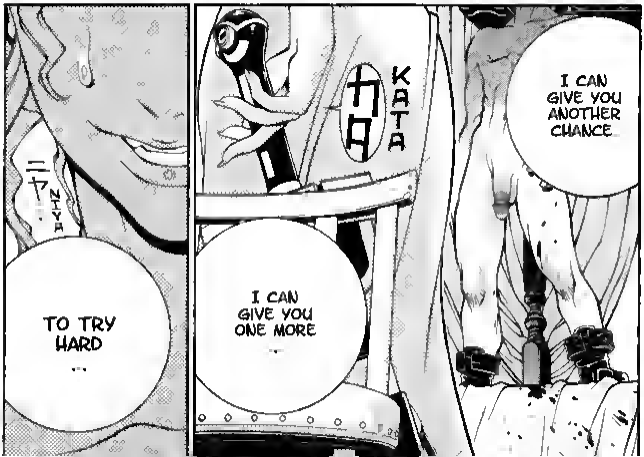
HEH.
IF YOU WOULD'VE JUST STAYED ASLEEP YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH SO MUCH PAIN
KIRIL! YOU CAN'T ...
I KNOW, I JUST DON'T HAVE TO KILL HIM, RIGHT?
HEH HEH HEH
I'M JUST GOING TO
CUT HIS FACE UP A LITTLE.

TAN
!?
WHAT
!?
DAN
DON

GAH
!
DOSA

GUSHA
PHKU
VERY GOOD
UNBELIEVABLE BATTLE SKILLS
PHKU
PHKU

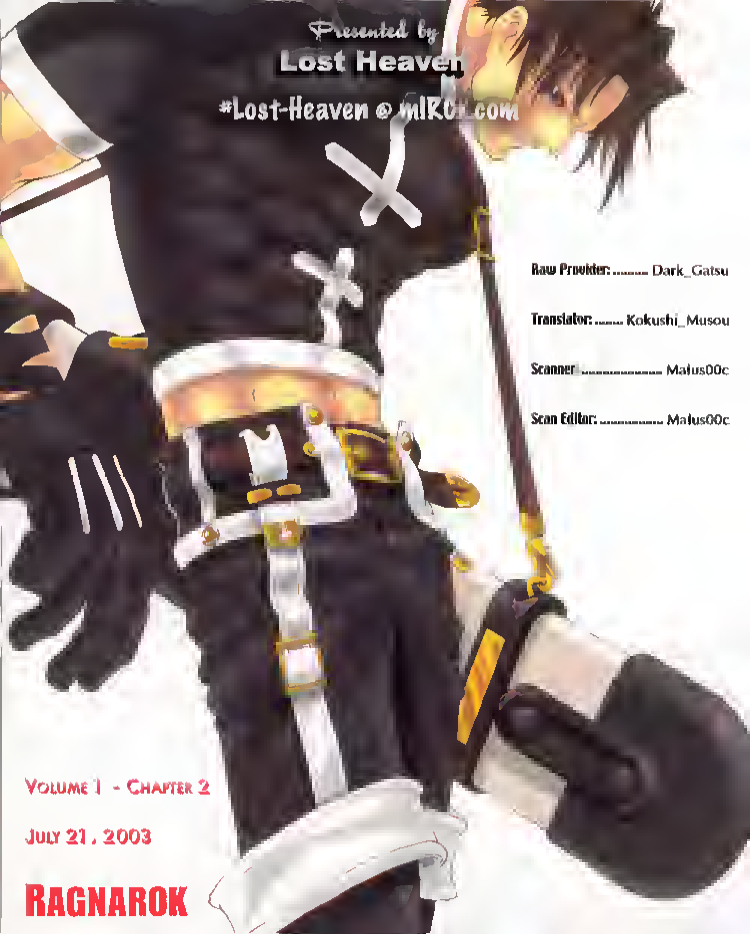
I ONLY WISH THAT POWER
COULD HAVE HELPED IN BED
REALLY
SO GOOD THAT I MIGHT FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU
.....
I TRIED PRETTY HARD
DOSH
DOSH


I CAN GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE
KATA
I CAN GIVE YOU ONE MORE
NIYA
TO TRY HARD
...

YARE YARE
LEROY
...
I KNOW ...
HEY...
DON'T YOU EVEN KNOW THAT IT'S USELESS?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.
HUH?

GACHA
LEROY !?
!!
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE !?
!?
?
LILY!! DON'T COME IN HERE !!

KYAAA AAA !!
IS IT USELESS? LEROY SCHWARTZER!?
EVEN WITH THIS
.....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CARTIEL, ARE YOU SAYING THAT MAN LEROY ...
IS STRONGER THAN MYSELF, YOUR RIGHT HAND MAN!?

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DON'T MISUNDERSTAND YURIPULSE ...

Chapter 3 Steel Stringer

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YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST THAT MAN
!?
*Door opening
スゥゥゥ

*Son e ring ge ling ti
DON
ASHLEY
...
IF YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH YOUR WORK
IT LOOKS LIKE I HAVE NO CHOICE
*Door closing
BATAN

SO ?
HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO STAY LIKE THAT?
WHAT !?
BESIDES, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH HER AS HOSTAGE?

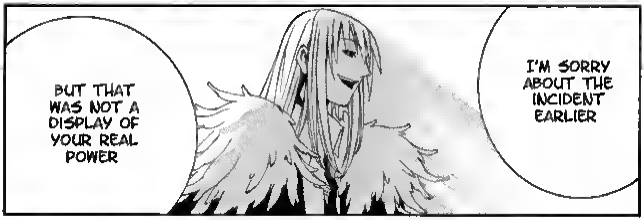
IF I GET THIS CORRECT, YOUR BOSS ...
IS THE ONE THAT WANTS TO SEE ME, RIGHT?
SO LET ME GO SEE HIM THEN.
!?
THAT WAY I DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH MORE TROUBLE THAN NEEDED
THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
KUI
くい
.....
OKAY ...
I'LL TAKE YOU.

Putting on collar

*walking
KA
KA
KA
KA
MAY I INTERRUPT YOU ?
!!
YURIPULSE I HAVE IT ALL UNDER CONTROL
HE SAID HE WILL MEET WITH CARTIEL.
BEFORE THAT, MAY I ASK YOU A FAVOR MR LEROY?

WOULD YOU SHOW ME YOUR POWER ...
THE POWER THAT CARTIEL IS SO INTERESTED IN?

WHA-!?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING YURI-PULSE!?
CARTIEL'S ORDERS ARE TO BRING THAT MAN BACK ALIVE!!


I'M SORRY ABOUT THE INCIDENT EARLIER
BUT THAT WAS NOT A DISPLAY OF YOUR REAL POWER

LEROY SCHWARTZER, A FREE MERCENARY WITH THE SKILLS OF AN SS CLASS.
WITH YOUR UNHUMANLY STRONG FLESH AND BODY YOU ARE CALLED "LEROY THE LIGHTNING SPEED"

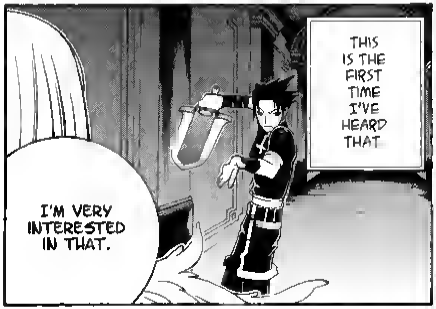
BUT THAT'S NOT IT.
!?
THAT MAN IS NOT INTERESTED IN SMALL THINGS.
THAT'S WHAT I'M ABOUT TO FIND OUT.
LEROY !!
!?
SU

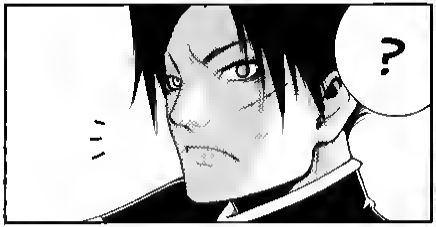
KIIIIIIIII
*High pitched sound, like scratching on a blackboard.

WHOA !!
I'M SUR-PRISED.
.....
YOU ARE THE SECOND PERSON WHO HAS EVADED MY ATTACK.
*Cut Opening
I SEE ...
WELL, WELL ...
!?
PAKU

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE ONLY FOUGHT PEOPLE WEAKER THAN YOURSELF
BUT...
THAT'S WHAT ASSASSINS DO
..
.....
I HATE THEM.
YOU'VE JUST SAID IT.
WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT PEOPLE KILLING FOR MONEY I GET ANGRY.
IT SEEMS THAT YOU DON'T LIKE ASSASSINS VERY MUCH

A TALKING SWORD ?
HOW INTERESTING
LEROY, THIS MAN
YEAH, I KNOW.
SU
SHARP THAT BLADE IS.
LET'S SEE HOW ...
*Reach ng over h s back
I'M TELLING YOU I KNOW.
HEY !!


THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD THAT
I'M VERY INTERESTED IN THAT.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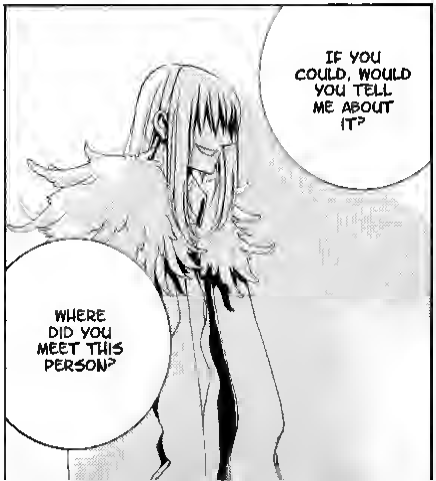
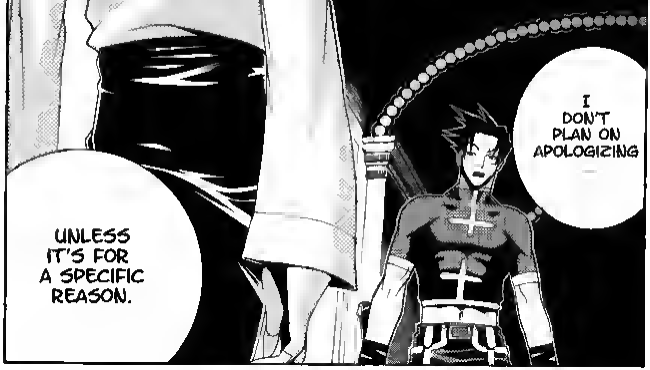
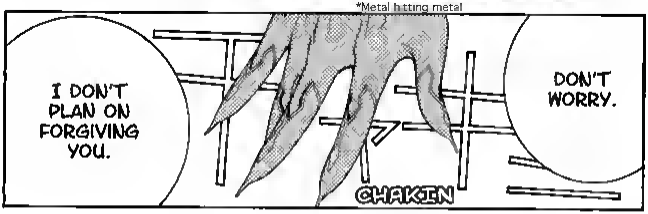

IF YOU COULD, WOULD YOU TELL ME ABOUT IT?
WHERE DID YOU MEET THIS PERSON?

TUR?
ISN'T THE FIRST TIME I'VE BATTLED A STEEL STRINGER

I SEE
SO IT'S YOU
IN A COUNTRY TO THE FAR EAST
STEEL STRINGS ARE THE TRUE ASSASSIN'S ART
THERE IS NO ONE WHO KNOWS ITS EXISTANCE.
SU
*Removing jacket
ONE POSSIBILITY.
OTHER THAN
EASAA
*Jacket Falling



*Metal hitting metal



*Movement
KUWA
BAN
WHOA AAAA !!
*Smash
HAAA AAA !!

YURIPULSE !! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING !?
OUR MISSION IS ...
IF WE DO THIS CARTIEL WILL ...
ASHLEY ?
YOUR FINGER
WHAT DO YOU WANT AT A TIME LIKE THIS !?
WHAT ?

NOO
OOO
!!
M...
MY...
FIN-
GERS
!!
A...
ASHLEY...
ポタ
ポタ
ポタ
ポタ
blood splattering

LILY
!!
...
!?
NOO
OOO
OO
!!

SHIT
GA
*Running
.....
IT'S OVER ...

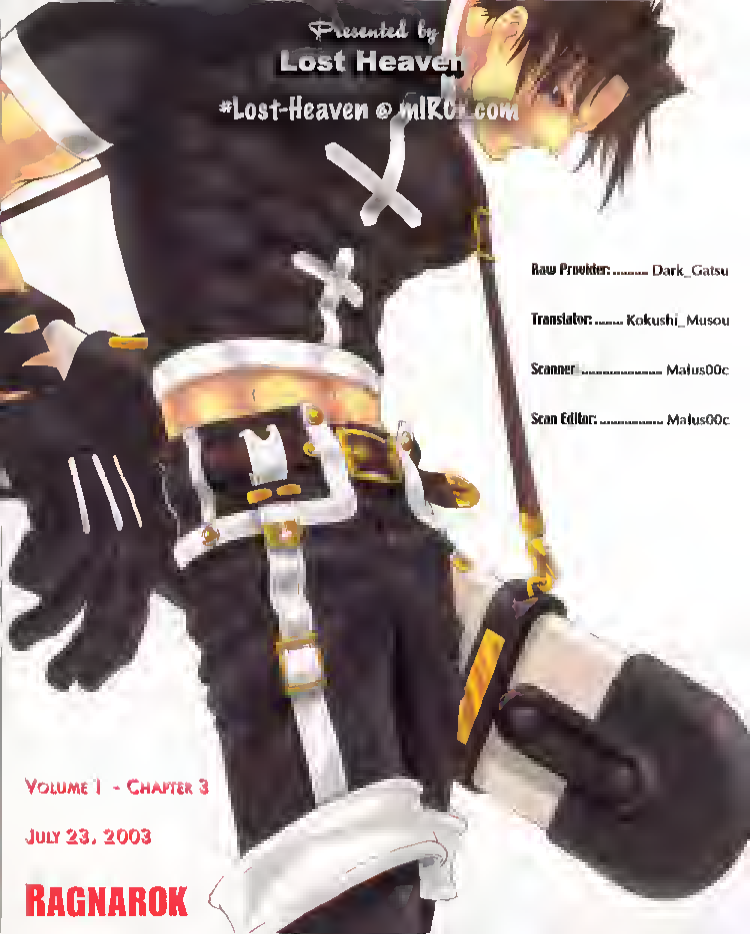
LEROY !!
I KNOW ...
*Sliding across floor
ZA
KYAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAA !!
*Screaming Sound

*Cutting Flesh
SHU
!!
MR. LEROY !?

LEROY!! ARE YOU ALRIGHT !?
MY RIGHT ARM WON'T MOVE ...
SO ...
WHAT SHALL I DO WITH YOU?
*Floor tipping
GURA
!?
*Pushing Sound
LILY, GET AWAY FROM ME !!
KYAAA AAAAAA AAAAA AAAAAAA !!
DON

!!
AH!

MR.
LEROY
!!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*Liquid spilling on floor
#4
BO
*Liquid catching fire
BOOOOOAA
*Fire spreading

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RAGN AROK

*Foot hitting ground
SHURRURO
IS IT OVER ALREADY ?
NO... IF YOU LOST THIS EASILY ...
*Winding up string
THERE'S NO WAY THAT CARTIEL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOU.

Moving bricks off back*
GATA
HA HA... THAT'S THE WAY ...
GU GU...
*Starting to stand
YOU STILL HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY TO STAND UP AFTER THAT BLOW
*Healing
SHUU
BESIDES THAT ...
SHUUUUUU
I SHOULD KEEP AN EYE ON A PERSON LIKE YOU.
SUPERHUMAN-LIKE RECOVERY ...

*Sound from wound
Like meat grilling
*Bubbling up from wound
GOBO
GOBO
GUSHU
GUSHU
LEROY SCHWARTZER ...!?
ARE YOU REALLY ...?
*Blood pumping

HUMAN !?
YURA
.....
*wobbling
HUH ?
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING ?
.....
HEY, MY HAND WORKS

I AM STARTING TO REALIZE WHY CARTIEL
HAS SUCH GREAT INTEREST IN YOU
I SEE ...
!?
GOOOOOOオオオオオオオオオオ
ゴゴゴゴ
I SUPPOSE MY TEACHER WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN YOU LIKE HE IS
*Fire burning
YOUR TEACHER ?

NATAK FUJIKA ?
MY TEACHER ...
AND THE ONLY PERSON I LOVED ...
I AM GOING TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF MY TEACHER
I HAVE BEEN BLESSED.
KYUUUUU

IF YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT ME ...
IT JUST SHOWS HOW PREMATURE YOU ARE AS HER STUDENT.

!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT !?
ZAN
*Cutting strings
IT MEANS THAT YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW.
THAT I AM THE ONE WHO AVENGED NATAK FUJIKA.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?
KYUN
String Sounds
!?
HYUN
HYUN
HYUN
THE STEEL STRINGS ...
AREN'T HITTING HIM !!
*Evading strings
KYUN
DO YOU REALLY SEE THROUGH ...
ALL 10 OF THESE STEEL STRINGS !?

MY STEEL STRINGS ...
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
MY STRINGS !?
CAN'T CATCH UP TO HIS MOVE-MENTS !!
SMIRK

A HUMAN MOVING AT THIS SPEED ?
!?
DON
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND YET ...
*Stopping

THEN IT'S OVER.
AAAH!!!
AAAH!!
DOSU

WHAT ...?
*Falling over
GURA
IS... THIS...?

DON
LILY?
GAKU
GAKU
GAKU
GAKU
GAKU
GAKU
*Twitch ng
WHAT A STUPID MAN.

はっ PANT
はっ PANT
はっ PANT
はっ PANT
はっ PANT
はっ PANT
はっ PANT
BESIDES THAT ...
HOW UNGAINLY ...
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR ...
YURIPULSE ?

PANT
PANT
THERE'S NO WAY ...
PANT
PANT
IM-POSSIBLE ...
PANT
PANT
THIS CAN'T ...
BIKUN
YURIPULSE !!
.....
.....
AILEY ...

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD AVENGE
THE PERSON WHO I LOVED MOST LIKE THIS
SLAP
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE ?
St-ngang*
.....

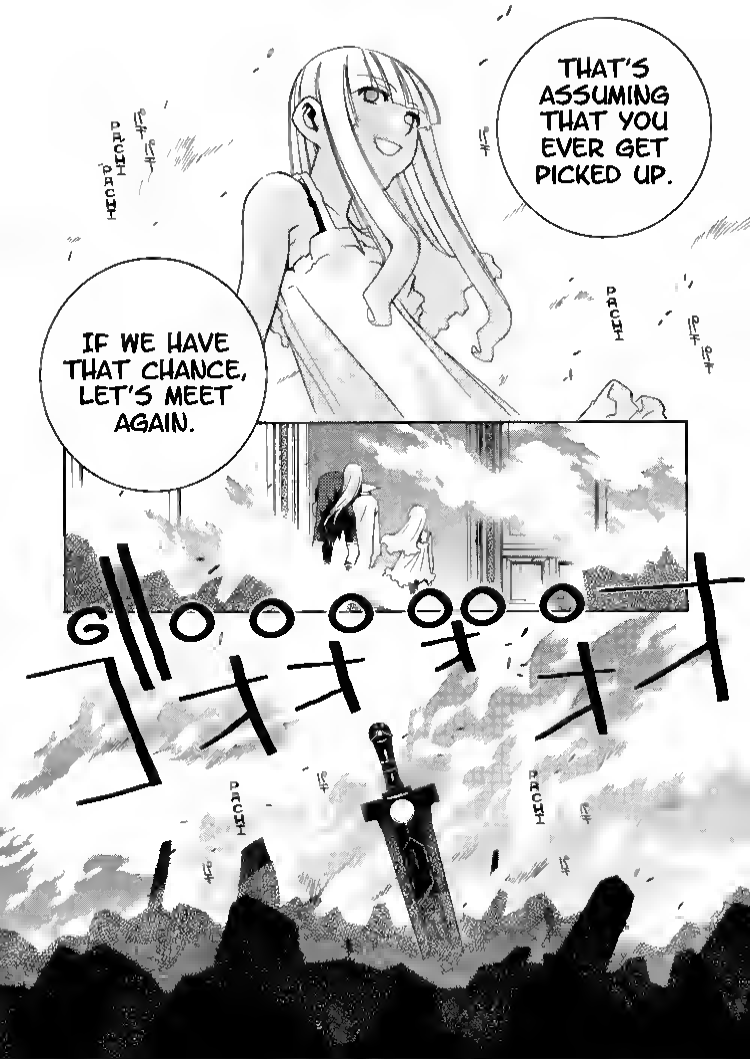
ASHLEY DIED FOR NO REASON.
BECAUSE OF YOUR IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS ...
*Sparks
I'M VERY SORRY AILEY ...
I KNOW ...
PACH
PACH
UNTIL WE TAKE HIM TO CARTIEL ...
YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND !!

YOU WERE GOING TO HIDE MY IDENTITY FROM HIM ...
THAT'S RIGHT LILY ...
I'M VERY SORRY ...
ゴオオオオオオ
IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN'T USE THIS PLACE ANYMORE
LET'S GO BEFORE THE FIRE BURNS IT ALL DOWN
WON'T THERE BE A CHANCE
OF HIM WAKING UP ON THE WAY ?

I PUT SOME POWERFUL DRUGS ON THIS SWORD
WE DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
IT WILL BE GOOD TRANQUILIZERS FOR HIM
?
AND AILEY ...?
GOOOOOOO
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THIS ?

*Stabbing into ground

ARE YOU SURE IT'S ALRIGHT TO JUST LEAVE ME
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
YOU DON'T REALLY THINK THAT A STRANGE SWORD LIKE ME WOULD DIE LIKE THIS, DO YOU?
YOU MIGHT REGRET IT LATER


THAT'S ASSUMING THAT YOU EVER GET PICKED UP.
IF WE HAVE THAT CHANCE, LET'S MEET AGAIN.
GOOOOOOOOO
PACHI
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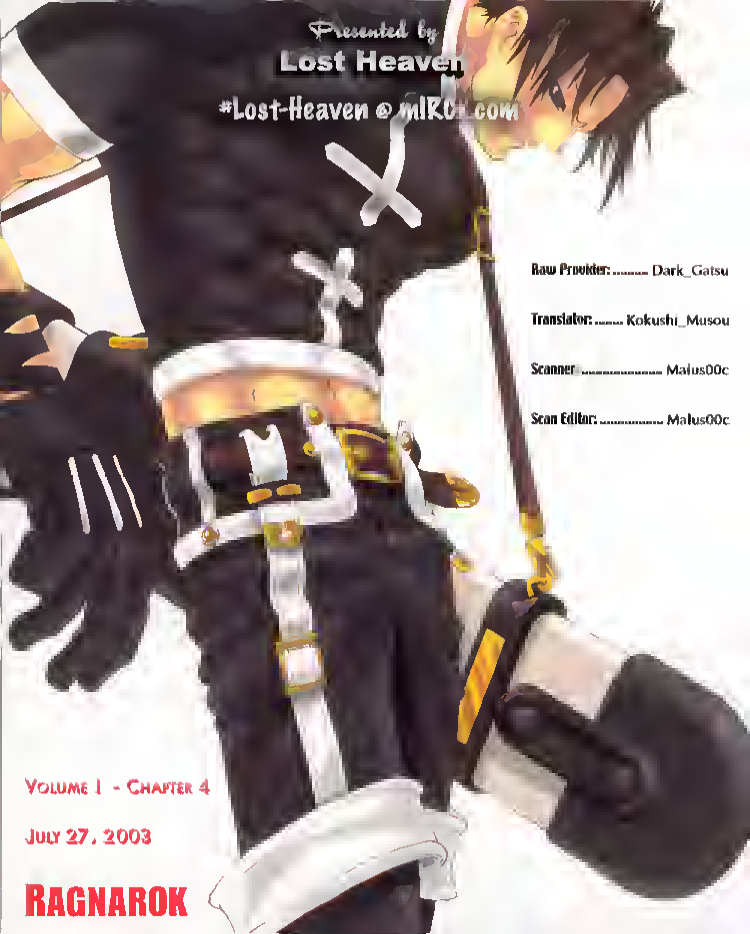
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TA TA
TA TA
FIRE! FIRE!
MS. ASHLEY'S MANSION IS ON FIRE !!
#5
THIS IS HORRIBLE ...
WHAT HAPPENED !?

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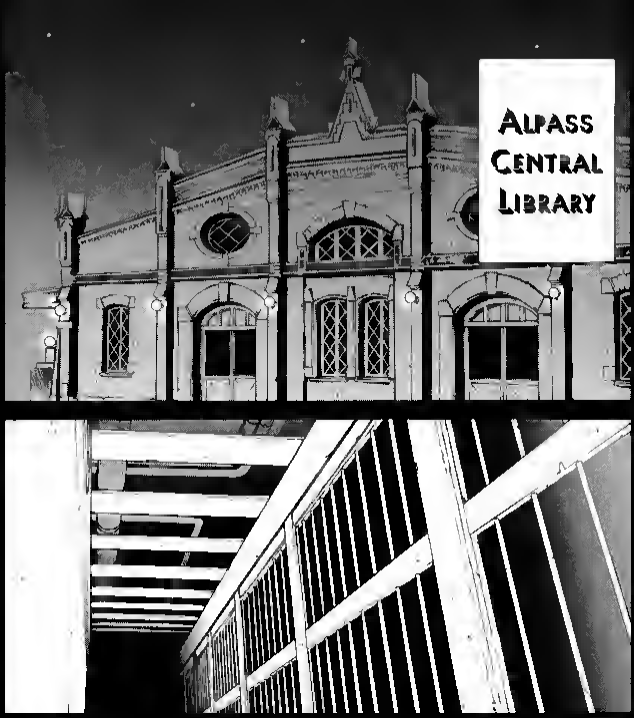
RAGN AROK

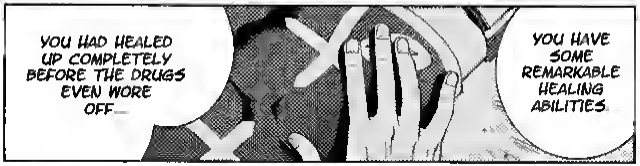
IS MS. ASHLEY FINE?
WE DID HAPPEN TO SEE A HORSE AND A CARRIAGE BEFORE THE FIRE BROKE OUT...
*Fire burning
SO WAS SHE ON THAT CARRIAGE?
HEY!!
LOOK AT THAT!!
SOMEONE IS COMING OUT!!

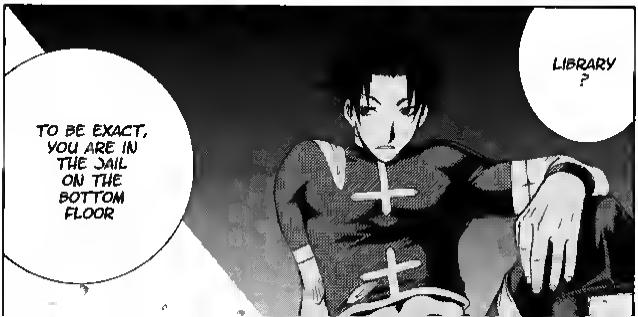
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... FROM THAT FIRE...
HE HAS NO INJURIES LET ALONE ANY MARKS OF SOOT.
H, HEY... YOU..
ARE YOU ALRIGHT ...?
ZA

!?
I'M GOING TO ASK YOU SOMETHING..
COULD YOU TELL ME WHERE THAT HORSE AND CARRIAGE WENT?


Alpass
Central
Library

LEROY SCHWARTZER.
WELCOME TO THE ALPASS LIBRARY.


YOU HAD HEALED UP COMPLETELY BEFORE THE DRUGS EVEN WORE OFF—
YOU HAVE SOME REMARKABLE HEALING ABILITIES.


TO BE EXACT, YOU ARE IN THE JAIL ON THE BOTTOM FLOOR
LIBRARY ?

SO, A HIDDEN BASE...
NO ONE WOULD EVER SUSPECT THAT AN ASSASSIN GUILD'S HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE HERE.
THAT MAN WILL BE HERE SOON.
UNTIL THEN, LET'S GET MY CURIOSITIES OUT OF THE WAY.

ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'RE TRAPPED IN THAT CELL
THERE'S NO WAY EVEN YOU COULD AVOID MY ATTACKS
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING OF RIGHT NOW?
YOU HAVE NO WEAPON TO FIGHT ME—
YOU STILL
DON'T UNDER-STAND.
*Getting Angry : Vein popping
IF YOU WANT TO, GO AHEAD
ピキ
THERE'S NO NEED FOR HESITATION

NO WAY..
ARE YOU SAYING..
IF I WASN'T AFRAID OF DEATH, I WOULDN'T KEEP LIVING THE WAY I DO
THAT YOU AREN'T AFRAID OF DEATH!?

I'M SAYING THAT WITH YOUR STEEL STRINGS
YOU CAN'T KILL ME.

SAYING THE SAME THING OVER AGAIN?

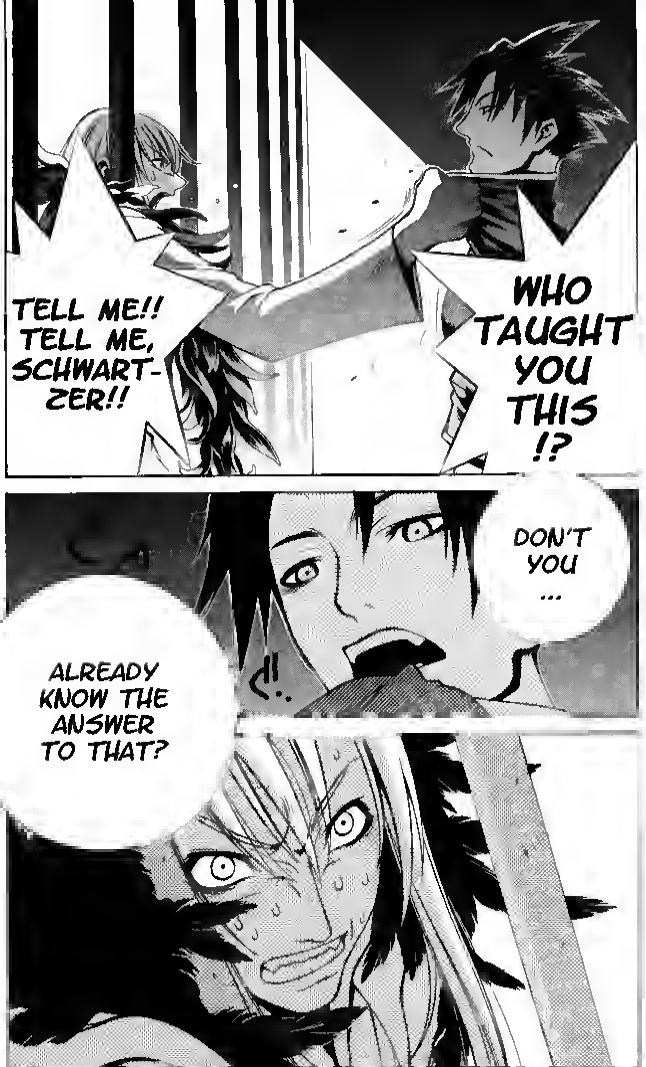
SU
YOU REALLY ARE STRONG... BUT...
YOU CANNOT EVADE MY TEACHER'S STYLE.
*Hand moving
DIE!
ZAN
*Cutting

*Pipes falling

*Rolling pipe

*Hard hitting groan
DAN
THIS IS ...
THE STRING REVERSAL ...?
BOTA BOTA
Blood pounng
THE STRING RE-VERSAL !?
WA

ANSWER ME SCHWART-ZER !!
*Grabbing
GASHI
WHO !?
WHO TAUGHT YOU THIS TECH-NIQUE !?


TELL ME!! TELL ME, SCHWART-ZER!!
WHO TAUGHT YOU THIS !?
DON'T YOU ...
!!
ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT?

GAN
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE !
IMPOS-SIBLE !!
GAN
GAN
GAN
GAN
LIAR !!
*Banging bars
SAY IT SCH-WARTZER !!
SAY IT'S A LIE !
GAN
*Hand grab
IT'S THE TRUTH.
GASHI

IT WAS YEARS AGO ...
AT THAT TIME, SHE COULD BARELY TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REALITY AND IMAGINATION. SHE WAS SLOWLY BECOMING INSANE.
THE ONLY THING THAT SHE COULD UNDERSTAND WAS BEING A...
MURDERER.
DURING THE ACT OF KILLING WAS THE ONLY TIME WHEN SHE COULD UNDERSTAND REALITY
THE BLOODY MIST AND THE SCREAMING HUMAN REMAINS WERE THE ONLY THINGS THAT WOULD MAINTAIN REASON WITHIN HER.

INSIDE OF HER INSANITY THERE WAS STILL A LITTLE BIT OF SANITY...
SHE MAY HAVE BEEN HOPING
FOR SOMETHING TO SEPERATE HER FROM HER INSANITY...

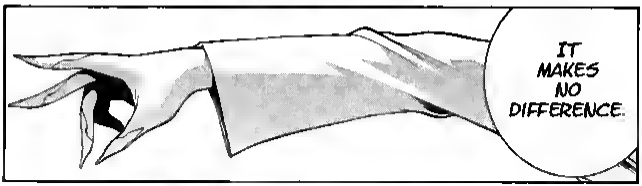
AND THAT SMALL SANITY
WANTED THAT SMALL HOPE TO BECOME A REALITY

WAS GRANTED.
THAT DESIRE ...

NATAK FUJIKA.
I KILLED ...
I DIDN'T KNOW ...
BUT ...
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD EVER SEE ANOTHER STEEL STRINGER.
THAT SHE HAD AN APPRENTICE.

WHY DID FUJIKA ASK FOR ...
WHY ...?
THAT WISH ...?
WHY ...?
YOU WEREN'T STRONG ENOUGH ...
TO FULFILL HER DESIRE.

I STILL HAVE TO AVENGE HER DEATH THROUGH YOU.
EVEN IF YOU DID CARRY OUT HER WISH...
HEH ...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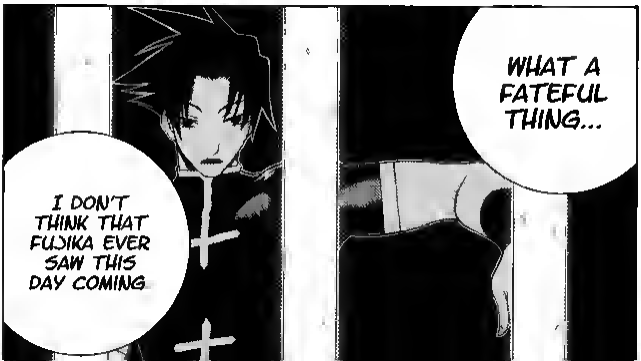
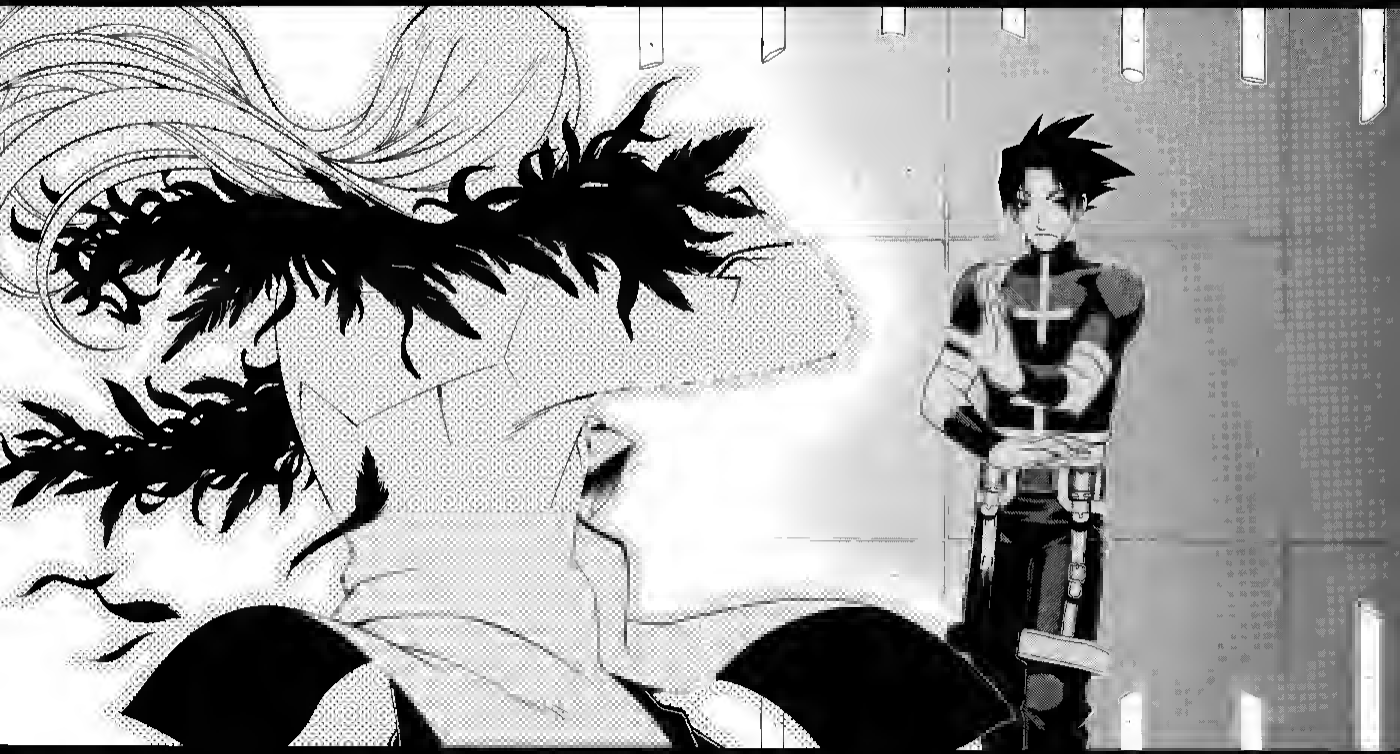

I DON'T THINK THAT FUJIKA EVER SAW THIS DAY COMING.
WHAT A FATEFUL THING...

GYUON
*Strings cutting
KYUU
*Strings
KARAN
KARAN
KARAN
*Bars hitting ground



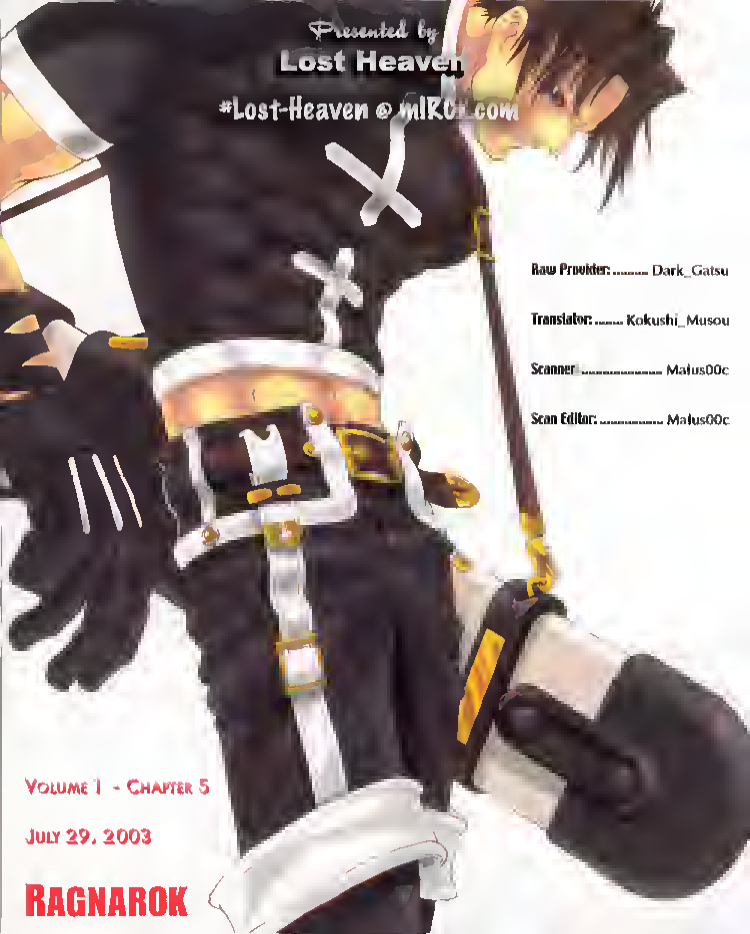
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR TECHNIQUE IS FAR FROM PERFECT.
IF YOU CAN'T REVERSE EVERYTHING...
ONCE YOU DIE, I'LL HAVE NO USE FOR IT EVER AGAIN.
BUSHU
*Wounds open ng

I ONLY NEED TO KILL A MAN WHO HAS GONE INSANE...
AND I'LL NEVER NEED TO USE IT AGAIN.
IF THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR STRENGTH...
WAS THE REASON FUJIKA DIDN'T PICK ME...
*Neck falling off
WHAT WAS I...
ZURU
TO FUJIKA ...?

FU...
JI...
GOTTO
...
*Neck h ttng ground
FUJIKA PASSED THIS TECHNIQUE ONTO YOU...
EVEN IF...

*Body hitting ground.
BATAN
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KILL HER.
SHE WASN'T LOOKING FOR A MAN TO LOVE HER...
BUT A MAN TO KILL HER.

WHAT A MISERABLE TEACHER AND STUDENT.
HAVE FUN IN HELL WITH FUJIKA.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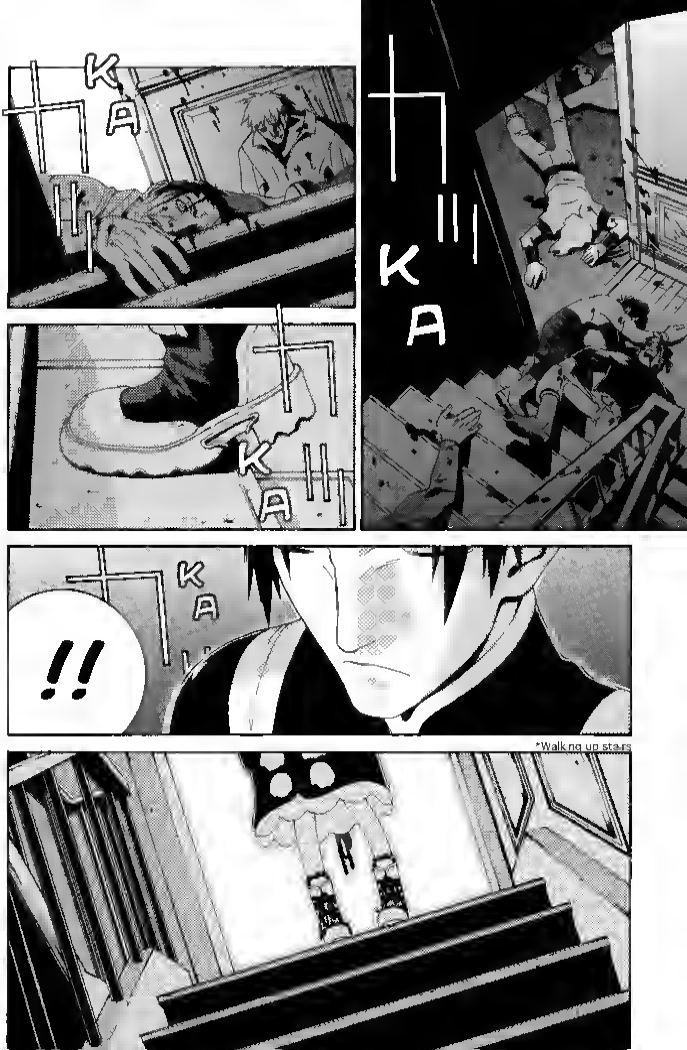
BY U
LENA, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
*W nd
#6
YES.
I HEAR YOU FENRIEL.

RAGN AROK

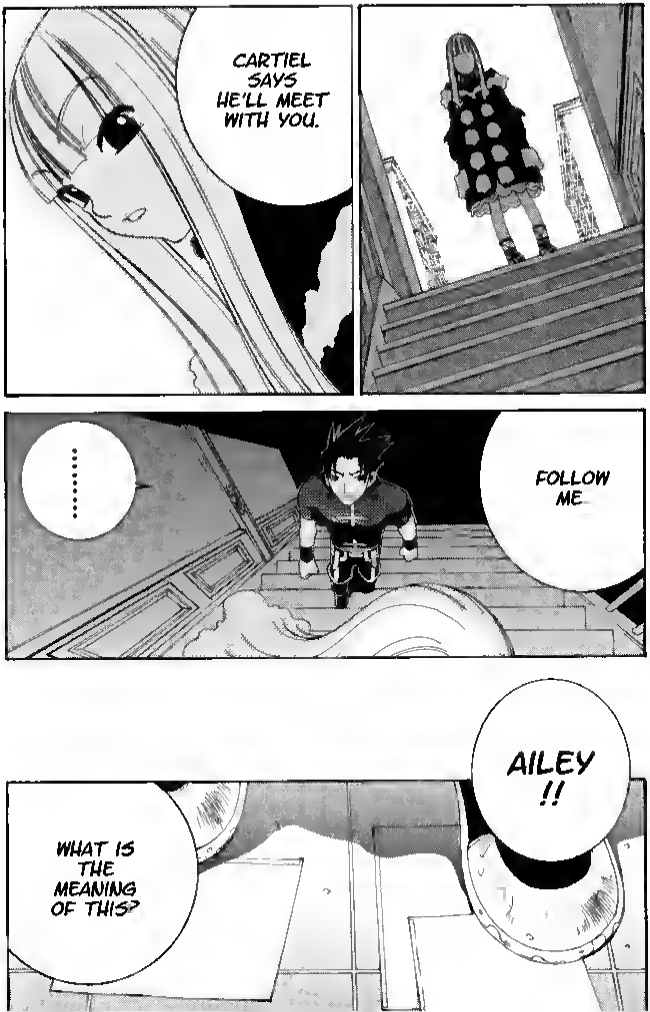
SCHWARTZER IS ABOUT TO ACT.
YES ...
FASTER THAN I HAD EXPECTED.
WELL ...
IT'S TIME WE GET INVOLVED

I'M GLAD YOU HAVE TAKEN ACTION AS PLANNED.
LEROY SCHWARTZER.

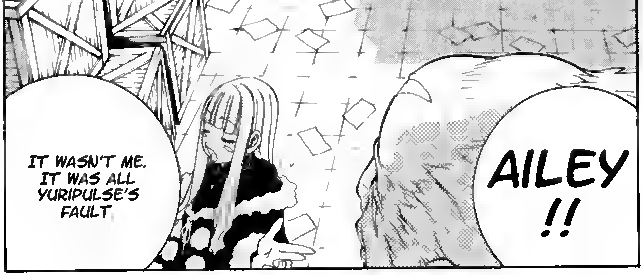

KA
KA
KA
KA
!!
*Walking up stairs

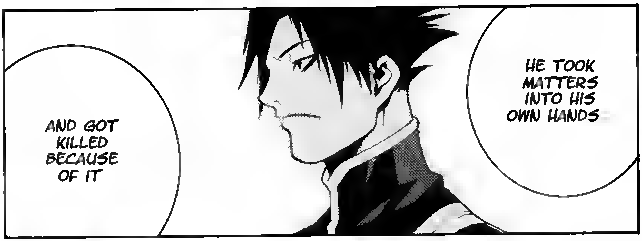
WON'T YOU ...
MOVE OUT OF MY WAY?
SO YOU KILLED... YURIPULSE.
SCHWARTZER.

BESIDES, IT REALLY HELPED.
THAT IDIOT WAS ALWAYS TROUBLE, BECAUSE HE DID THINGS ON HIS OWN.
WAS THAT UNEXPECTED?
NOT REALLY
I DON'T KNOW HOW CARTIEL WILL REACT, BUT...
THERE WILL BE MANY PEOPLE WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO LEARN OF HIS DEATH WITHIN THE GUILD.
SO, LILY..
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?


CARTIEL SAYS HE'LL MEET WITH YOU.
FOLLOW ME.
.....
AILEY !!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?

ARE YOU ...
CARTIEL ...?
I AM GANAN. MASTER CARTIEL'S GUARD.
DON
YOU HAVE DONE QUITE SOME DAMAGE HERE..
Sheer size*
ふはFUHA
Breathing on his face*


AILEY !!
IT WASN'T ME. IT WAS ALL YURIPULSE'S FAULT

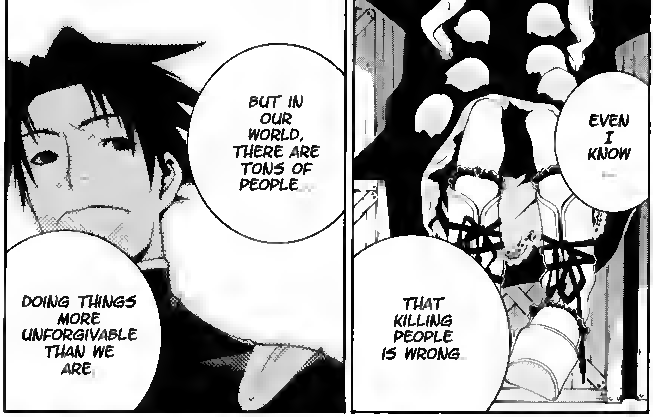

HE TOOK MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS
AND GOT KILLED BECAUSE OF IT

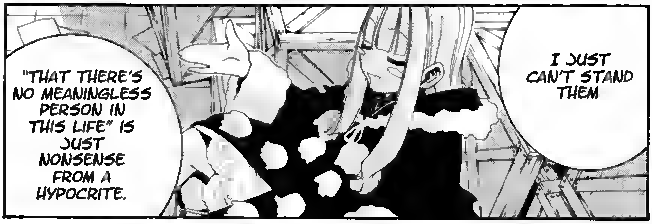
WAIT THERE.
I WILL GO SPEAK WITH MASTER CARTIEL.

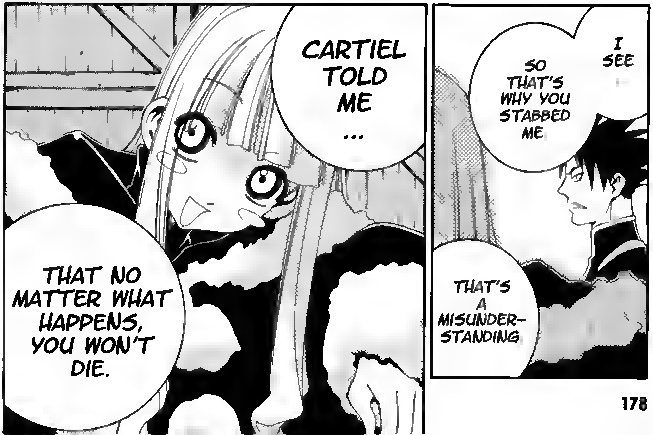
YURIPULSE? DAMN IT...
ハア
HE CAUSED SOME UNNECESSARY DEATHS

.....
WHY DO I HAVE TO WAIT?
?
I DON'T SMOKE
FINE.

LILY ...
MY NAME IS AILEY.
.....
LILY IS MY NAME WHEN I'M A PROSTITUTE
BUT IF YOU THINK THAT SUITS ME BETTER THEN YOU CAN CALL ME THAT.
YOU'RE GOING TO ASK ME WHY..
I'M HERE IN AN ASSASSIN GUILD, RIGHT?
SO!? WHAT IS IT!?


BUT IN OUR WORLD, THERE ARE TONS OF PEOPLE
DOING THINGS MORE UNFORGIVABLE THAN WE ARE.
EVEN I KNOW
THAT KILLING PEOPLE IS WRONG.


"THAT THERE'S NO MEANINGLESS PERSON IN THIS LIFE" IS JUST NONSENSE FROM A HYPOCRITE.
I JUST CAN'T STAND THEM


CARTIEL TOLD ME ...
THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU WON'T DIE.
I SEE
SO THAT'S WHY YOU STABBED ME.
THAT'S A MISUNDER-STANDING.

TO ME, WHATEVER THAT MAN SAYS IS ABSOLUTE.
SO WHATEVER THAT MAN SAYS IS RIGHT?
IF CARTIEL WISHES ..
I WOULD GIVE HIM MY LIFE.
WHY DO YOU TRUST CARTIEL SO MUCH?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ...

IT'S A SIMPLE THING, REALLY...
.....
HE JUST HAPPENED TO BE THE HEAD OF THE ASSASSIN GUILD
HE WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO TREAT ME LIKE A REAL HUMAN BEING
IN THIS TOWN, THERE ARE MANY CHILDREN BORN TO PARENTS WHICH HAVE NO PLANS FOR A FUTURE FOR THEM
HE RESCUED AN ORPHAN LIKE ME.

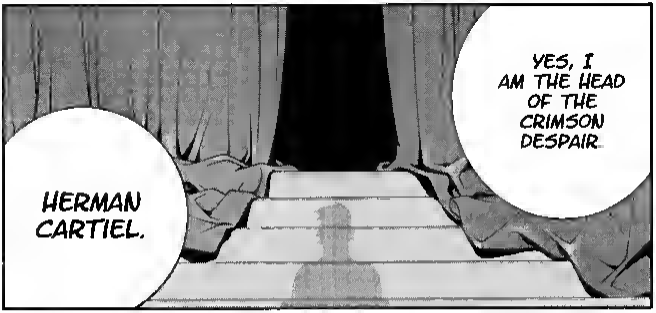
IF I HADN'T TAKEN HIS HAND THEN...
BY NOW, I WOULD BE DEAD IN THIS TOWN
SO FROM THEN ON...
I BELONG TO MASTER CARTIEL
WHAT IS...?
CARTIEL...?

THAT'S A HARD QUESTION.
I DON'T THINK EVEN HE COULD ANSWER THAT.
HE MAY WANT TO MEET WITH YOU...
.....
SO THAT HE CAN FIGURE OUT THE ANSWER TO THAT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
YOU'LL KNOW ONCE YOU MEET HIM.

COME IN SCHWARTZER.
!!
MASTER CARTIEL IS AWAITING YOU.
.....
WHAT'S WRONG?
HURRY UP AND GO IN!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT FOR A LONG TIME...
LEROY SCHWARTZER !!

SO, YOU'RE ...
CARTIEL !?


YES, I AM THE HEAD OF THE CRIMSON DESPAIR.
HERMAN CARTIEL.

I HAVE DESIRED TO SPEAK WITH YOU FOR A LONG TIME.
WOULD YOU COME CLOSER?

I DON'T MIND.
GO AHEAD AND ASK.
I HAVE OTHER OBJECTIVES TO COMPLETE, BUT
LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING FIRST.
WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ME?
IT'S NOT BECAUSE I'M HELPING LENA...
WAS IT ME YOU WANTED IN THE FIRST PLACE?
YES.

I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.
WHEN AILEY TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE COMING TOWARDS THIS TOWN.
I BECAME VERY EXCITED.
.....
I AM INTERESTED IN YOUR BODY.
IN THAT BODY'S SECRET STRENGTH!

WHAT DO ...
YOU KNOW ABOUT ME!?
NO, BEFORE THAT ...
I WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU'RE SO INTERESTED IN MY STRENGTH.
ANSWER ME.
.....

VERY WELL ...
LOOK AT ME!! LEROY SCHWARTZER.
THIS IS THE TRUE...
HERMAN CARTIEL.
CA... CARTIEL...
YOU'RE ...?

A DARK ONE !?

IF YOU SAY THAT I AM A DARK ONE...
THEN YOU FALL INTO THE SAME CATEGORY, LEROY SCHWARTZER.
YOU HAVE THE SPIRIT OF THE BEAST WITHIN YOU !!
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